

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Natasha Colebrook-Williams, Chief of Staff *NCW*

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RE: **DISCUSSION ON SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM**

BACKGROUND

Sister Cities International (SCI) is a non-profit citizen diplomacy network that creates and strengthens partnerships between the United States and international communities. The organization serves as a hub for institutional knowledge and best practices in the field of citizen diplomacy.

October 23, 2007, the city of North Miami City Council adopted a resolution (r-2007-139) authorizing membership in SCI to be administered through the City Manager's Office. On November 13, 2007, the City Council adopted a resolution (r-2007-147) authorizing the City Manager to approach city of Delmas, Haiti regarding the establishment of a Sister City Relationship with North Miami.

On March 25, 2008, North Miami and Delmas entered into Sister Cities agreement, which was duly executed by the entire North Miami Council.